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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1973-74

Because all of you cooperated on so many different projects, this has been a banner year in the Montana Library Association. I do appreciate all the support you have given to me.

This report has to be written by the 15th of April. Therefore, I cannot report on the success of the Montana Authors Committee and the Montana History Committee's workshop on the effects of ethnic groups of Montanans in Politics. This most interesting project is being sponsored by MLA through the Montana Committee on the Humanities. Karen Hatcher and Marie MacDonald have developed a series of 5 interesting workshops. This could eventually develop into a long range plan to obtain the histories of the various ethnic groups that settled in Montana. Perhaps at some later time, these groups could contribute to and work with the Montana State Historical Museum in Helena to have a room made available for display of ethnic groups. Montana residents and tourists would be vitally interested in this type of history.

The Library Development Committee, chaired by Alene Cooper, has worked long and hard to come up with a plan on state funding. They met several times for one and two-day sessions to work on this plan. The law passed in the 1974 legislative session provided the vehicle to distribute these funds but now we need support on passing the appropriation bill. It will take the combined efforts of all members of MLA and all those interested in education to get the funding passed by the 1975 legislature.

We had hoped to have a three-state meeting of MLA, the Wyoming Library Association and the Idaho Library Association. This fell through when the Rainbow Hotel closed its doors in August in Great Falls. We could not find another place in Montana to have the conference with large enough meeting rooms and banquet rooms. Since then, several places are available and will be available in the future. I want to thank Peter Ahlstrom, president of the Idaho Library Assn. and James H. Richards, Jr., president of the Wyoming Library Assn., for their help in trying to find a place for the conference. I would like to see one in the future because Montana, Idaho and Wyoming have similar problems.

I was asked to write the history of the Montana Library Association for a national publication, "Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science." This I did. It was a most interesting assignment and I'm making it available to all libraries at this conference. I do wish to make a recommendation to MLA. We need to have a historian as one of our officers. This may well be an appointive office because you do have to have the interest in doing a job of this kind. Our archives are not in good shape and MLA should have a complete historical background. We are in our 61st annual conference this year and the way time goes, our 100th anniversary will soon be here.

Frances Wells took on the job of revising the Manual of Procedure. During the years, many changes were needed to bring this up-to-date. Thank you, Frances, for a job well done.

I attended ALA in Las Vegas, along with several other MLA members; the ALA midwinter in Chicago; the Washington State Advisory Council on Libraries 5-state meeting in Seattle on the "White Paper"of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; and plan to attend ALA in New York.

To all of you members of MLA, may I say get behind your organization and work to make each division the very best. We need to work together to get the most done for Montana Libraries. Whenever I go to a library meeting in another state or in Washington, D.C., I see that we are much farther ahead than many states. Why? We work together in all divisions, that's why. We now have Public Libraries Division; School Libraries Division; Trustees and Friends Division; and Academic and Special Libraries Division. By a vote in this year's meeting, we expect to include Montana Instructional Media as a new division. Let us make our association the finest in the country.

Thank you officers. Thank you committee members. Thanks to those who served on the legislative network. Without your help and interest, MLA would not be the strong, healthy organization that it is.

May you have a wonderful year.

Margaret S. Warden

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS DIVISION 1973-1974

MASL officers for 1973-1974 are: Chairman, Virginia Schulte; Vice-chairman, Evelyn Crow; Secretary, Mildred Valach.

Membership in the Montana Association of School Librarians as of February 9, 1974 was 103. It was disappointing to note the decrease, even though small, from the 107 count of last year. A more aggressive recruitment program will be discussed at the May conference in Great Falls.

The chairman attended the MLA Executive Board meeting in Great Falls in February, but inclement weather prevented attendance at the meeting in November of 1973.

The MASL again acted as liaison for the School Media Program sponsored by the Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. and the American Association of School Librarians.

Membership in AASL/ALA has increased in Montana showing 5 new members as of November 1, 1973. A new dues proposal will be considered at the New York conference in July which should result in further increases.

A newsletter will be mailed in April briefly outlining conference programs pertinent to school librarians. Hopefully attendance and increased membership will result.

A copy of the revised MASL constitution will be distributed to all members at the May conference.

MASL members were well represented on MLA committees for 1973/74. MASL committees were:

Britannica Award--Larry Anderson, Chr., Alma Jacobs, and Alve Thomas
Nominating--Edna Berg, Chr., Ethlyn Paris and Jerry Arthun
Professional Standards--Edna Berg
Professional Training--Eleanor Ivankovich
Publicity--Sister Carmelita Davis
School Administrator Award--Geneva Van Horne, Chr. Peg Cadbow and Sharon Weinzetl.

Liaison representatives appointed from MASL to the MEA district conventions were:

Peg Cadbow--Western District
Phyllis Williamson--North Western District
Mary Veem--North Eastern District
Lee Wrigg--Eastern District

Since MLA and MASL are both interested in placing a State Supervisor of Libraries in the Department of Public Instruction this matter, and that of Standards, will have priority in the MASL business meeting discussions.

Virginia Schulte
Chairman

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES REPORT 1973/74

The Academic and Special Libraries Division as such had no special activities during 1973-74.

A suggestion for a workshop on topics of special interest to academic librarians was tabled because such commitments as the University of Montana's move would make attendance at such a workshop minimal.

A committee to begin investigating the possibility of a union list of serials for the state was appointed, consisting of Erling Oelz, Anna Price, and Josephine Self.

A nominating committee chaired by Winifred Griffith will report at the Division meeting in May, when elections will be held, to save postage.

The chairman attended all meetings of the Executive Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lidie Miller

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

The Division has undertaken no special project for the year but continues to work for the further development and extension of the public library and continuing cooperation among public librarians.

Inez Herrig was appointed Legislative Chairman to act as liaison to the Legislative Committee for the year.

Officers of the Division, assisted by Clint De Sonia, comprised the judging committee for the Trustee Award.

Lucille Anderson,
Chairman

MONTANA INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA ASSOCIATION, 1973/1974 REPORT

Montana Instructional Media Association officers for 1973-1974 are: President, Marshall Jones; Vice-President, Doug Nixon; and Secretary-Treasurer, Geneva Van Horne.

The President produced and disseminated several newsletters of Montana media programs, participated in a MLA Board meeting in February, and fulfilled obligations of the office during the year.

The petition for divisional status in Montana Library Association has been submitted and action is to be taken at the annual 1974 spring meeting.

Jeanne Glasscock and Roy Kallin will present a proposed constitution for consideration of the membership.

Geneva Van Horne has coordinated a program of twelve mini-media clinics on "Media Utilization in the Classroom" to be given in Great Falls, May 11. Presentations include:

1. Ron Gore of Glasgow-Video-Tape in the Classroom
2. Stephen Hammer of Glendive-Producing Super-8 Single Concept Films
3. William Harding of Polson-Slides and Transparencies Support a Science Unit
4. Roy Kallin of Helena-"Sound Poetry"
5. Harold Madison and Marshall Jones of Billings-Film to Support a Reading Lesson
6. Paul Marsh of Bozeman-Making Transparencies and Overlays with a Flare!
7. George Millis of Missoula-Community Aerial Photographs in Social Studies
8. Alex Noel of Missoula-Explication of a Modern Poem Using the Overhead Projector
9. Sue Stairs of Great Falls-Grabbing Graphics!
10. Pat Stevens of Fort Benton-Individualized Learner Reference Packets
11. Gary Swant of Deer Lodge-Mixed Media in Environmental Education
12. Allan Walter of Helena-Using Slides and Script in Auto Mechanics

Marshall Jones,
President

REPORT OF THE MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIAN'S AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE, 1973-74

The MASL Awards and Honors Committee, Sharon Weinzetl, Peg Gadbow, and Geneva Van Horne, met March 30 and April 2 to consider nine applications for the "school administrator of the year award." Early in the year, statewide publicity for nominations had been given through items placed in MEA's Montana Education, the State Superintendent's Montana Schools, and letters and forms sent to all members of MASL. The Committee was pleased by the response from school librarians and found selecting "the winner" a difficult task for so many of the nominees seemed deserving.

Geneva Van Horne,
Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT - ALA COUNCILOR

My first duty as councilor was to attend the midwinter meeting January 20-26, 1974. Council met Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00, Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00, and Friday from 8:00 until after one o'clock, when I had to leave to catch a plane. There were several reports including that of the Treasurer which indicates that our expenses outweigh our income. Discussion followed.

COPES and the Membership Committee recommended a dues schedule for personal members. AASL had a counter-proposal which was defeated. The membership will vote by ballot later. Regular memberships would be $35.00 plus $15.00 for each division.

Application for membership in the Freedom to Read Foundation will be made part of the ALA membership form.

I also attended several meetings.

Alice McClain
ALA Councilor for MLA

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE

Committees were appointed from the Montana Association of School Libraries and the Public Libraries Division for the selection of the school administrator and public library trustee of the year. Nominating forms were sent to all public and school libraries. Announcements were placed in the publications of the Montana State Library, the State Department of Public Instruction and the Montana Education Association.

Citations will be presented at the Conference Awards Luncheon at Great Falls in May.

Lucille Anderson,
Chairman

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

The Government Documents Committee has this year concentrated primarily on the documents of our state government. State document distribution and use is still in a flexible state--as witness an improvement being instituted by Harold Chambers of the State Library and John Mason of the State Historical Library. It is proposed that pre-cataloging be implemented for Montana documents which are distributed through the State Library. Cards will be supplied with the documents for the use of those Libraries which receive document shipments. Harold and John will discuss this plan with the Committee, outlining the progress they have made and their plans for such future cataloging assistance.

Two subject heading lists are being developed with the idea that uniform subject headings for state documents--and other Montana information--will ease the task of preparing and retrieveing Montana information. It is planned to discuss this possibility at the meeting of the Government Documents Committee this year.

The American Library Association now has among its specialized groups the Government Documents Round Table. This Round Table is most enthusiastic in the study of handling Federal and local documents to the best advantage and we feel it will be able to contribute much to library services.

Josephine B. Self
Serials Librarian
Eastern Montana College Library

REPORT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CLEP

Since its 1965 introduction by the College Entrance Examination Board, the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) has been accepted by over 1300 colleges and universities as a means of evaluating a student's proficiency in various academic fields. General examinations in five areas and subject examinations in thirty or more specific courses are currently offered through Educational Testing Service and the results used to determine (by individual institution) whether college credit should be granted to the student without course enrollment.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has provided some funding for the program and currently several studies are being carried or across the country to predict performance on CLEP examinations (University of Wisconsin), to compare academic performance between CLEP and non-CLEP students (Miami-Dade Junior College), to analyze performance of specific student groups through CLEP scores (Missouri), to assess the overall impact on the institution of credit by examination (University of Utah where 6,000 students were awarded 200,000 credit hours), and so or. A pilot study is contemplated at Eastern Montana College to encourage CLEP testing of high school honors students before their graduation and comparable interest is being shown throughout the state.

Not all the studies have produced results favorable to CLEP (Edward Caldwell at University of South Florida); however, there is general agreement that credit-by-examination is a sound and proper educational tool and that interest and participation are increasing on the part of students (before and after enrollment) as well as faculty and administration.

Last May (1973) information and material were presented at the Academic and Special Libraries meeting of M.L.A. by Dr. J. Quentor Jones of the College Entrance Examination Board and Dr. Patricia Douglass, Director of Extension and Continuing Education at the University of Montana, on CLEP and hopes for its future in this state. Subsequently a project, 'New Educational Horizons for Montanans," was funded by HEW, under Dr. Douglass' direction and involving continuing education programs including CLEP; and this project is growing with the cooperation of public and private colleges and universities in Montana.

Ruth Auchenbach, former Public Libraries Coordinator at the State Library, had launched an effort last June to interest public librarians in coordinating resources for CLEP and "to act as an information referral agent and as a stimulator of interest in this program."

Dr. Douglass suggested last year that public libraries serve as local CLEP centers, provide bibliographies and reading lists, plus lists of tutoring services and pertinent lectures and programs available in the community. This Committee concurs and further urges that public libraries compile and make available information sheets which include CLEP policies for each school, enlist the aid of Montana educators in the preparation of reading lists (perhaps through the "Educational Horizons" program), if possible set up tutor programs and directories of resource people, and - most important - establish a permanent review system to keep information complete and up to date.

Ellen Newberg
Sharon Lowe
JoAnn Meide, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee has had an unusually active year in part because of the joint resolution of the 1973 Legislature which requested the Legislative Council to study the administration and finance of Montana libraries and to make recommendations for legislation to the second session of the 43rd Legislative Assembly.

From its first meeting August 13, 1973, the Library Development Committee worked closely with the legislative intern assigned by the Legislative Council to direct the study and with the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Education. Both the legislative intern and the Joint Interim Subcommittee concluded that future library development in Montana should be through library federations. As a result of these recommendations, the State Librarian with the concurrance of the Library Development Committee at its November ?, 1973 meeting proposed changes in the Montana library laws which would provide for federations in the laws. The bill was drafted by the Legislative Council and was passed by the 1974 Legislative Assembly. The major revisions in the new law are the recommendation and encouragement by the Legislature to libraries to organize into library federations and the inclusion of the definition of and provisions for establishment of library federations. The law also provides for a federation board of trustees with advisory powers.

The second concern of the Library Development Committee has been to draft a proposal for a state funding plan for libraries in Montana. With the present uncertainty regarding LSCA funds, the Committee felt that the possibility of state funding must be explored. At its February 8, 1974 meeting the Committee studied state aid plans from a number of other states and named a sub-committee composed of the federation coordinators, the State Librarian and a member of the State Library Commission to prepare a plan. Two additional meetings of the sub-committee have resulted in a final draft of the state funding proposal which will be presented to the Montana Library Association for its approval at the May meeting.

Alene A. Cooper
Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

The Local History Committee of the MLA, working with the Montana Authors Committee, have applied for a grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities to conduct a series of five conferences, at Butte, Kalispell, Great Falls, Glendive, and Billings on the subject: "Ethnic Pioneers of Montana; their influence on Montana politics."

If the grant is approved, the series of day-long meetings will be co-chaired by Karen Hatcher and Marie MacDonald, in April and May, 1974. There will be panel presentations by representatives (survivors, children or grandchildren) of many and various European and Oriental immigrant groups; a working lunch at noon, during which an academic humanist will give background for the conference, and then general participation in the afternoon's discussion of the morning's presentations.

Marie MacDonald

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

Due to his duties as secretary of the Montana Library Association Richard Gercken had to resign as chairman of the Montana Authors Committee. We wish to thank him for his past efforts on behalf of the committee.

In cooperation with the Montana Local History committee we have set up a series of symposiums on "Ethnic Pioneers in Montana: Their Political Influence." Financed by a grant from the Montana Committee of the Humanities the symposiums have been held in Billings, Butte, and Glendive. There will be meetings in Great Falls and Kalispell during May, 1974. The objective of these symposiums was to explore the political history of ethnic groups in these areas of Montana, how politics influenced ethnic groups and in turn how these ethnic groups influenced the politics of their area. A secondary objective of the symposiums was to promote the collection of historical material on ethnic groups and the writing of histories of these groups. The tapes have been deposited with the local library where the symposium was held.

Karen Hatcher

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating committee presented the following names to the membership for election to office:

Vice-president and President-elect

Mrs. Kay Griffith, University of Montana
Mr. Norman Spears, Eastern Montana College

Secretary

Judy Hester, KTCM
Phyllis Williamson, Great Falls Public Schools

PNLA Representative

Nancy Collins, Helena Public Library
Richard Gercken, University of Montana

(Mrs.) Frances Wells,
Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

At the request of our MLA Chapter Councilor for ALA we presented the following addition to ARTICLE VII. Section 3: Add to the present section: "The Chapter Councilor of the American Library Association will transmit all proposed amendments and changes of the chapter constitution and bylaws to the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review of compatibility with the ALA constitution and bylaws."

Notice of this was sent to all members and it will be voted upon at the May 10-12 Great Falls meeting of MLA.

Inez R. Herrig,
Chairman, Constitution Committee